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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshiro HAZE et al.

Group Art Unit: 2154

Application No.: 10/080,685

Examiner: J. CHANG

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Docket No.: 111924

For: COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 16, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending.

**I. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-6 and 8-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0012121 to Yamamoto in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,479,485 to Hayashi; and rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yamamoto, Hayashi and further in view of U.S. patent No. 6,286,021 to Kindo. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Yamamoto does not teach or suggest a communication apparatus including "a control circuit that controls the master unit and the plurality of slave units, wherein when one of the master unit and the plurality of slave units makes a request to the remote center for